



The Trestle Board



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WHAT IS FREEMASONRY?

Taken from Bklt #54 Grand Lodge, "What is Freemasonry"

First, Masonry is not a secret society. Its members do not hide the fact of membership. Its Temples or Lodges are well know to the public, and most Masonic organizations take pride in the appearance of their buildings, making their identity known to all by the Square and Compass emblem on the outside. Throughout the centuries of its existence, Masonry has taken pride in proclaiming itself to the world. The ancient Masons who built the old cathedrals of Europe put their Masonic marks upon the stones of those edifices. The modern proudly wears Masonic emblems, letting the world that he is a member of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

In the past two centuries some of the brightest stars in the firmament of history were members of our Fraternity, and the story of our great American Republic was written largely by patriots who were members of the craft.

George Washington was the first President and the first of 15 Masons to serve in that high office. Thirty-one of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence, 23 of the 39 signers of the constitution, more than 33 of the Justices of the Supreme Court, and many others comprise the Masonic Roll of Honor. Lafayette and James Monroe both visited Washington's Mother Lodge at Fredericksburg, Virginia; and this Lodge furnished five other men who would become generals in the army with Washington.

General Douglas MacArthur, a Mason, said: "Masonry embraces the highest moral laws and will bear the test of any system of ethics or philosophy ever promulgated for the uplift of man. Its requirements are the things that are right, and its restraints are from the things that are wrong. Inculcating doctrines of patriotism and brotherly love, enjoying sentiments of exalted benevolence, encouraging all that is good, kind, and charitable, reprobating all that is cruel and oppressive; its observance will uplift anyone under its influence.

See SW Larry Davis if you want to read more.

Lodge Dates

Jul 25—6:00 pm Past Masters Dinner @

Elk's Lodge
(Must have reservation)

Jul 30 --6:00 pm Dinner

6:30 pm EA Degree

Aug 6—6:00 pm Dinner

6:30 pm MM Degree

Aug 17--6:00pm Dinner

7:00pm Stated Meeting

York Rite Dates

Aug 10—6:00pm—Stated Meeting

OES Dates

Aug 11 —6:30pm— Refreshments

7:30pm—Stated Meeting

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Bicentennial Knives

Anyone who has purchased a Bicentennial Knife and has not received it or who would like to purchase one for \$40.00, please contact Dale Pewitt at 615-533-6714 or email him at dalepewitt@comcast.net.



York Rite News

Franklin Council No. 134 will be holding at Council Table Lodge on Saturday, August 15th at 6pm at the Holiday Inn The Crossings in Antioch, TN. \$27 per Companion goes toward dinner and the lodge. This event is for the first 30 that sign up. Any questions regarding the Table Lodge should be directed to Illustrious Master Art Milbert at tenthtextas25@aol.com.



Eastern Star News

Our official visit is right around the corner. The Worthy Grand Matron will make her visit on Saturday, September 19, 2009. We will have a banquet at the Elk's Lodge prior to the meeting. The cost will be \$15.00 and reservations are necessary as we will have limited seating. Our meeting will be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 7:00 pm. More details will follow.

We need more recipes for our cookbook. We would like to include recipes from all the Masonic bodies. Please contact Judy Davis at judyd1@wcs.edu or jldavis71391@att.net to submit a recipe or with any questions.

